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Proposed user fee increases for FY20

After a thorough review of its services and the funding forecast, Eugene Public Works has recommended a four percent increase for the local wastewater user fees.

A proposed administrative order and notice of intended wastewater rates have been issued to authorize the increase in local user fees, effective July 1, 2019. This will increase the local portion of the monthly wastewater bill for a typical residential customer¹ by \$0.47 per month – from \$11.76 to \$12.23.

The local fee increase will continue the existing list of services, fund capital improvement projects to reduce the amount of stormwater entering the collection system, and maintain the sub-surface collection system during road resurfacing projects.

Comments on the proposed rates for the local wastewater service can be submitted orally or in writing at a public hearing set for April 3, 2019 at 12 p.m. The meeting will be in the Les Lyle Conference Room, 99 E. Broadway, 4th floor. All comments will be compiled and given to the City Manager.

Detailed information on the wastewater user fees can be found at www.eugene-or.gov/wwfees.

The Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) has proposed a two percent increase to the regional wastewater user fee. This will increase the regional portion of the monthly wastewater bill for a typical residential customer from \$26.49 to \$27.02 per month.

Comments on the proposed rates for regional wastewater service may be submitted orally or in writing at the MWMC meeting in the library. The meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. in Suite 301, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, Oregon, 97477.

While the average usage is declining over time, for consistency in public presentations, we continue to refer to a “typical” residential wastewater customer as one who uses 5,000 gallons per month.

Eugene Public Works has also recommended to not increase the stormwater user fee for Fiscal Year 2020. The services and funding forecast was reviewed and staff concluded the existing services can continue with current resources.

Detailed information can on stormwater user fees can be found at www.eugene-or.gov/swfees.

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